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SUBJECT: SOVIETS OFFER TU-154 AGAIN

REF: A-342, 8/22/73 (NOTAL)

1. INDIAN EXPRESS REPORT OCTOBER 4 STATES THAT SOVIETS HAVE OFFERED IN LETTER TO MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION TO BRING A TU-154 TO INDIA FOR DEMONSTRATION ON INDIAN AIR LINES RMGTES; ARTICLE STATES THAT "RUSSIANS... WANTED TO KNOW ROUTES OPERATED BY INDIAN AIRLINES SO THAT THEY COULD...FLY TU-154 ALONG SAME ROUTES FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS." PRESS REPORT CONTINUES THAT MINISTRY TOLD SOVIETS TO WRITE TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION "WHO NORMALLY HANDLES REQUESTS OF THIS NATURE." ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH COMMENT ON UNUSUAL NATURE OF SOVIET PROPOSAL AND GENERALLY NEGATIVE COMMENT ON TU-154 ECONOMICS.

2. APPEARS TO US THAT SOVIET OFFER IS EFFORT TO GET THEIR FOOT
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BACK IN THE DOOR ON AIRCRAFT SALES TO INDIAN AIRLINES, PERHAPS

FIGURING THAT SEVERE INDIAN AIRLINES CAPACITY PROBLEMS (REF)
MIGHT TEMPT INDIANS TO TRY OUT TU-154'S WITH PASSENGERS ABOARD.

3. ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT AND INDIAN AIRLINES HAVE NOT YET MADE
LONG-AWAITED DECISION ON AIRCRAFT PURCHASES, AS FAR AS WE KNOW
BOEING 737 IS STILL LEADING CONTENDER IN PENDING ROUND OF FLEET
EXPANSION.
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